



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

Date: June 24, 2003  
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways and Means Committee

**Subject: Nicollet Avenue (46<sup>th</sup> St to the Minnehaha Parkway Bridge) Lighting Project**

### **Recommendation:**

- 1) Passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed and do the work and adopting the special assessments in the amount of \$320,000 for the Nicollet Avenue Residential Lighting Project.
- 2) Adoption of the Committee Report giving preliminary approval to establish the street lighting project area as Street Lighting District Number 1301. (Chapter 431 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances provides that the City Council shall not give its final approval to the establishment of a Street Lighting District until at least two weeks after giving preliminary approval.)
- 3) Passage of a Resolution increasing the Public Works Transportation Street Lighting Capital appropriation by \$371,000 (4100-943-9432) for the Nicollet Avenue Residential Lighting Project to be reimbursed by NRP in the amount of \$51,000 (4100-943-9432-3845) and by special assessments in the amount of \$320,000 (4100-943-9432-3910).
- 4) Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$320,000 for the Nicollet Avenue Street Lighting Project with the bonds to be paid for from special assessments.

### **Previous Directives:**

Resolution 2003R-226 passed May 6, 2003 designates improvements

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Beverly Warmka, Transportation and Parking Services

### **Financial Impact**

- ☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☒ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

<input type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain): <input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator
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## Background/Supporting Information Attached

### 1. Nicollet Avenue Street Lighting Project

The proposed project to install low-level pedestrian scale street lighting and at selected locations high level lights was initiated by the neighborhood and a petition has been received with a 69% approval. Low level lights will be installed along Nicollet Ave from the south ROW line of 46<sup>th</sup> St to approximately 120 feet south of the south ROW line of 52<sup>nd</sup> St.

The previously submitted cost estimate of \$371,000 has not changed. The cost figures are as follows:

Lighting (design and construction)	\$343,000
Interim Financing Cost	<u>\$ 28,000</u>
Total	\$371,000

The project will be funded by \$51,000 NRP and by special assessments in the amount of \$320,000.

We are requesting an appropriation for the project in the amount of \$371,000.

The special assessments were determined by using the street influence zone area method with an assessment rate of approximately \$0.41 per square foot.

The special assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over 20 years beginning on the 2004 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as the assessment bonds are sold for. The special assessments of \$150 or less would be collected in their entirety on the 2004 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as the assessment bonds are sold for. Information has been provided in the Notices as to how persons may prepay the special assessments in full without interest charges if they so choose.

### 2. Street Lighting District Number 1301

As provided in Chapter 431 (Street Lighting) of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, the street lighting project area is proposed to be established as Street Lighting District Number 1301. The annual maintenance and operation costs for this street lighting are standard cost which are paid by the City out of the General Fund. Non-governmental properties exempt from real estate taxes pay for street lighting maintenance and operation costs through special assessments. Chapter 431 provides for a lineal front footage method to determine street lighting maintenance and operation assessments. The assessment rate being used in Street lighting district Number 1301 is \$0.36 per lineal foot.

CM Benson and his staff have been working with the Transportation office and the neighborhood throughout the course of this project. This project would be done in conjunction with the street renovation project on Nicollet Ave 46<sup>th</sup> St to the Parkway.

Attachments: Map of Project area

CC: **Jack Qvale**, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation  
Suzette Hjermstad, Special Assessments

